

## THE POINT OF VIEW.

Rudyard Kipling, with his wonderful gift of going to the root of things, in his poem "Tomlinson," has most forcibly demonstrated the futility of imagining that mere belief and leading a negative sort of existence, will fit a person for either the abodes of bliss or the reverse. Tomlinson, it will be remembered, was an easy-going club-man, who had loafed through life, thinking of little beyond his own personal convenience. He had done no particular harm neither had he put himself out to be of any assistance to his fellow-men. The result being, that after death he was rejected by St. Peter and also by his Satanic Majesty, who both sternly demanded what he had *done* in life; and to neither of whom he could give a satisfactory reply. As a consequence, Tomlinson was doomed to return again to earth to learn the lesson of life. The truth conveyed by this parable in verse, has gone home to thousands of people who had never been touched by sermons on the relative of faith and nooks.

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Some idea of the amount of building going on in Honolulu at the present time, may be gathered from the fact; that more lumber has been received at this port during the last twelve months than at San Diego—population 15,000—in the last eight years, and the demand is constantly increasing. No matter in what direction you turn, cottages may be found in process of construction and in most instances they are rented before completion. If such a state of things existed in any town on the coast, there would be no type too large at the command of the local press, to herald the boom to the world; but Honolulu takes her expansion—as other matters—in an attitude of dignified complacency.

## A NEW ATHLETIC CLUB.

Honolulu has long felt the wants of an athletic club, such as exist on the coast, and this wish is about to be fulfilled in the new organization to be known as the Oceanic Club.

The club occupies the upper room above the Washington Feed store on the corner of Queen and Fort streets. The movement has been on foot for the last six weeks, and Martin Denny, the genial little Australian, shows with pride a list of about 200 names including most of our well-known citizens, such as: George H. Robinson, H. M. Whitney, Jr., Attorney G. D. Gear, Stearns Buck, J. C. Cole, C. L. Crabbe, Robt. Shingle, Capt. Petrie, of Castle & Cooke; Government Gauger Morton, A. L. Marey, nephew of the commander of the port; Prof. Babbitt, Charles Mitchell, a well-known swimmer; Boyton of the Fairchild Shoe Co.,



UNCLE SAM:—He's a son of a gun at dodging, and he's not worth much when you've got him; but I'll GIT him if it takes all summer.

Prince David, C. F. Schermerhorn, a prominent football player lately returned from Manila; O. Gilbert, A. L. Morris, F. Vida, D. Davis, Sam Parker, Jack Winter, all liberal patrons of sport. There have been in this city in the past a few athletic clubs that have failed through several reasons, the chief one being rowdiness and bad management or lack of interest by its members. Mr. Denny visited the merchants and prominent business men, and received their moral support, interest and endorsement. The object of the club is to afford more liberty, a greater scope of work, and freedom than the present Y. M. C. A. affords, boxing being prohibited in the latter institution. Although boxing will be a main feature, as the ring which is now being constructed shows, there will be swinging rings, dumb bells, trapeze, and sword stick exercises under Mr. Denny's supervision.

It will be run a good deal on the plan of the Olympic club of San Francisco, and there will be a monthly entertainment, including a boxing exhibition, a ball, or smoker, including features calculated to interest young men as well as their elders.

Everything about the club being in a premature state, the officers and board of directors will not be appointed after the club's opening until a meeting to be held in the club rooms this week. Constitution and by-laws will be adopted,

somewhat similar to the Olympic Athletic Club of San Francisco.

The members joining immediately at the club's formation shall pay only the charter members' fee, while those joining later on will pay double fee. There will be also honorary members.

The gymnasium is large and airy. The Lucas Brothers are doing all the carpentering.

Mr. Martin Denny has taught gymnastics in Parramatta, and the Huntershill College in Australia and in England. He has a good record as a square, honest fighter, and there can be no doubt the club shall be conducted on lines of decency and propriety. It has been suggested that it might be a good plan to invite good professionals from the Coast, but this would be too expensive a feature for some time; there being enough local amateur talent to satisfy the want for the present.

Mr. Denny's record stands 23 battles won in the ring and a 25-round draw with Griffo.

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Jim Jeffries has gone to England with his fresh laurels to meet Jim Smith and Charley Mitchell. He will visit Paris, Scotland and France. Billy Delaney, Tommy Ryan, Ross O'Neil and Chas. Jeffries will accompany him. Corbett has gone into a new venture which it is to be hoped will be more suc-

cessful than his past ones. Walter Watson, ex-boxing instructor of the San Francisco Olympic club desires to start with Corbett a gymnasium in New York for physical culture and boxing. Watson taught Corbett how to box and followed his various fortunes paving his way to the arena. They have made arrangements to rent a large building on Broadway with the latest paraphernalia.

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A new sport may be inaugurated for those of strong molars. But few have such exceptional grinders as Chris Feadler, a soldier in Company U, 28th Infantry. This young man drives long nails in a board or plank, such nails known as 40-penny nails, and gently but firmly break them off snapping them near their base.

He also drives hat pins and any old thing through his cheeks. He certainly ought to be valuable in the Philippines as physically immune.

If Uncle Sam wishes to keep that cup of his, he'll have to hustle his little saucy windjammer faster than he did on June 27 off Newport and Narragansett.

In the four or five miles the Columbia gained about twenty seconds on the Defender, and in the experts' opinion ought to have shown more speed.